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Applicants: Kenji Harano, et al.

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PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53


Sir:

In response to the Updated Filing Receipt dated April 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully petition that the correct filing date be given to the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 9, 2004.

Dated: August 9, 2004


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REMARKS

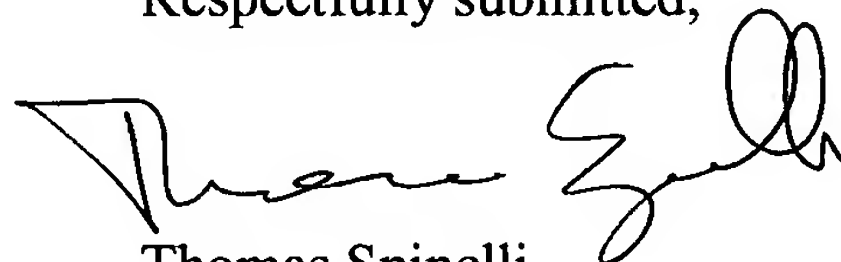
In the Updated Filing Receipt, a filing date of November 17, 2003, was given to the present application. However, the application was filed on August 5, 2003, in which Figs. 18-20 were inadvertently omitted. Applicants received a Notice of Omitted Items, which stated that Figs. 18-20 described in the specification are missing from the application. In response, Applicants submitted Figs. 18-20, which were received by the USPTO on November 17, 2003, and which date the USPTO assigned as the filing date of the present application.

However, as recited in the specification, the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/727,876, filed on Dec. 1, 2000, in which Figs. 18-20 are included. Additionally, the present application claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. H11-368189, filed on December 24, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in the present application. Parent Application No. 09/727,876, and Japanese Application No. H11-368189, clearly show Figs. 18-20.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully petition that the original filing date of August 5, 2003, be given to the present application.

If any fees are required for this Petition, please charge Deposit Account 19-1013/SSMP. A duplicate copy of the Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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